

forms, prior to RUS' review and evaluation; and

(3) Make available to RUS the borrower's completed RUS Form 300 (including a written explanation of the basis for each rating) and records related to the operations and maintenance of the borrower's system.

(c) For those facilities not included on the RUS Form 300 (e.g., generating plants), the borrower shall prepare and complete an appropriate supplemental form for such facilities.

#### **§ 1730.23 Review rating summary, RUS Form 300.**

RUS Form 300 in Appendix A shall be used when required by this part.

#### **§ 1730.24 RUS review and evaluation.**

RUS will initiate and conduct a periodic review and evaluation of the operations and maintenance practices of each borrower for the purpose of assessing loan security and determining borrower compliance with RUS policy as outlined in this part. This review will normally be done at least once every three years. The borrower will make available to RUS the borrower's policies, procedures, and records related to the operations and maintenance of its complete system. Reports made by other inspectors (e.g., other Federal agencies, State inspectors, etc.) will also be made available, as applicable. RUS will not duplicate these other reviews but will use their reports to supplement its own review. RUS may inspect facilities, as well as records, and may also observe construction and maintenance work in the field. Key borrower personnel responsible for the facilities being inspected are to accompany RUS during such inspections, unless otherwise determined by RUS. RUS personnel may prepare an independent summary of the operations and maintenance practices of the borrower. The borrower's management will discuss this review and evaluation with its Board of Directors.

#### **§ 1730.25 Corrective action.**

(a) For any items on the RUS Form 300 rated unsatisfactory (i.e., 0 or 1) by the borrower or by RUS, the borrower shall prepare a corrective action plan (CAP) outlining the steps (both short

term and long term) the borrower will take to improve existing conditions and to maintain an acceptable rating. The CAP must include a time schedule and cost estimate for corrective actions, and must be approved by the borrower's Board of Directors. The CAP must be submitted to RUS for approval within 90 days after the completion of RUS' evaluation noted in § 1730.24.

(b) The borrower must periodically report to RUS in writing progress under the CAP. This report must be submitted to RUS every six months until all unsatisfactory items are corrected unless RUS prescribes a different reporting schedule.

#### **§ 1730.26 Engineer's certification.**

Where provided for in the borrower's loan documents, RUS may require the borrower to provide an "Engineer's Certification" as to the condition of the borrower's system (including, but not limited to, all mortgaged property.) Such certification shall be in form and substance satisfactory to RUS and shall be prepared by a professional engineer satisfactory to RUS. If RUS determines that the Engineer's Certification discloses a need for improvements to the condition of its system or any other operations of the borrower, the borrower shall, upon notification by RUS, promptly undertake to accomplish such improvements.

#### **§§ 1730.27-1730.99 [Reserved]**

#### **APPENDIX A TO SUBPART B OF PART 1730—REVIEW RATING SUMMARY, RUS FORM 300**

Borrower Designation \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Prepared \_\_\_\_\_

Ratings on form are:

- 0: Unsatisfactory—no records
- 1: Unsatisfactory—corrective action needed
- 2: Acceptable, but should be improved—see attached recommendations
- 3: Satisfactory—no additional action required at this time
- N/A: Not applicable

#### **PART I—TRANSMISSION and DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES**

- 1. Substations (Transmission and Distribution)
  - a. Safety, Clearance, Code Compliance—Rating: \_\_\_\_\_